

## Message Text

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SUBJ: SUGGESTED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER  
TO PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE

REF: 77 COLOMBO 5072

1. PRIME MINISTER JAYEWARDENE WILL BE INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA ON FEBRUARY 4, 1978. APPROPRIATE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. SUGGESTED TEXT: TO HIS EXCELLENCY J.R. JAYEWARDENE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: MY WIFE, ROSALYNN, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA AND WISH YOU THE BRIGHTEST OF FUTURES.

3. OVER THE YEARS, SRI LANKA HAS DEMONSTRATED A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THROUGH SIX VIGOROUSLY CONTESTED ELECTIONS. I KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU ARE PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND TO RESOLVING YOUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THAT CONTEXT. YOU HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO PRESENT YOUR PEOPLE WITH PANALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CEAS FOR THEIR PROBLEMS, BUT TO PRESENT THEM WITH A CHALLENGE TO WORK FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS. YOU HAVE NOT CHOSEN AN EASY PATH, BUT I AM CERTAIN THAT UNDER YOUR WISE LEADER-

SHIP, MR. PRESIDENT, THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA WILL WORK TO FOLLOW THE COURSE YOU HAVE SET FOR THEIR ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. IN DOING SO, YOU WILL BE DEMONSTRATING WHAT CAN

BE DONE IN A FREE AND OPEN DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COUNTRY'S LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENHANCING THE HUMAN CONDITION OF YOUR PEOPLE.

4. WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES. (THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA RE-

LEASING IT.) END TEXT.  
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